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Congress of the United States
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Ms. Aloma Dew
Environment Quality Commission
14 Reilly Rd
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Dear Ms. Dew:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your support for funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

Last year, Congress appropriated \$71.3 million to this program. For Fiscal Year 2004, the Bush Administration has requested that Congress appropriate \$33.145 million for the ARC. As Congress continues to debate funding levels for Fiscal Year 2004, I will be sure to remember your thoughts.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you in the United States House of Representatives. The ideas and opinions you have sent me will be helpful as this Congress formulates new policies for our country. Your information will help me understand how this issue affects you in Kentucky. I will keep your views in mind as this matter comes before the Congress.

Thanks again for your interest in this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. It is a privilege to represent you.

Sincerely,

Ernie Fletcher
Member of Congress

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